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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants have filed herewith a Request for Continuing Examination ("RCE") and the requisite fee, along with a Petition for a three month extension of time, along with the required fee. This paper accompanies the RCE.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Replace the Abstract on page 81 with the following amended Abstract. A substitute page 81 is provided herein in Appendix A.

--, The present invention provides FGF-CX polypeptides and polynucleotides, and antibodies that immunospecifically bind to FGF-CX or any derivative, variant, mutant, or fragment of the FGF-CX polypeptide, polynucleotide or antibody. The invention additionally provides methods of use for a FGF-CX polypeptide, polynucleotide and antibody. --

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b), a marked up version of the Abstract showing the changes made appears as Appendix B of this Amendment

In the Claims:

Replace pending claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 14, 19, 28 and 29 with the following:

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or the complement of said nucleic acid molecule.

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